



UIS CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

What Can I do with a Major in Social Work?

Social work enhances health, literacy, workplace safety, education, justice for children and outreach to oppressed people. This program will prepare you for entry into a career of helping people function the best way they can in their environment. In return, you will reap the rewards that come with improving individuals' lives and knowing you had a hand in shaping a more just, compassionate, and safe society. The following serves as a guide, but the career information and possibilities are not limited to the below list.

Social Work Related Skills

- Assessment
- Business Skills
- Case Management
- Coordinating Information
- Decision Making
- Detail Oriented
- Diagnosing Problems
- Energy Level Higher
- Ethical
- Evaluating
- Group Communication
- Identifying Personality Traits
- Information Handling
- Innovation and Creativity
- Interpersonal Communication
- Interviewing & Surveying
- Leading Discussion
- Listening Skills
- Motivating Others
- Observing
- Organizing
- Patience
- Planning and Developing
- Prioritizing
- Problem Solving
- Project Management
- Record Keeping
- Record Keeping
- Results and Outcome Oriented
- Time Management
- Understanding Personal Dynamics
- Working With and Helping Others
- Writing Skills

Related Entry Level Career Titles

- Adoption Case Specialist
- Career Advisor
- Case Aide
- Case Manager
- Child Care Worker
- Family Assessment Worker
- Mental Health Associate
- Patient Intake Coordinator
- Policy Advocate
- Research Associate
- Social and Health Services Assistant
- Social Services Coordinator
- Wellness Advisor
- Youth and Family Specialist

Related Career Titles Requiring Additional Education/Experience

- Adoption & Foster Care Social Worker
- Assistant Professor
- Certified Social Worker in Health Care
- Chair of Social Work Department
- Clinical Social Worker
- Dean of Social Work
- Executive Director
- Gerontology Social Worker
- Intake Counselor
- International Social Worker
- Medical Health Social Work
- Mental Health Social Worker
- Mental Health Therapist
- Military Social Worker
- Private Practice
- Professor
- Program Manager
- Psychiatric Social Worker
- Psychologist
- Public Health Social Worker
- School Social Worker
- Social Work Administrator or Manager
- Social Work Planner and Policy Specialist
- Substance Abuse Counselor

Employers of Social Work Majors

- Adoption/Foster Care Agencies
- Child Welfare Services
- Community Action Agencies
- Counseling Centers
- Criminal Justice Agencies
- Department of Children and Family Services
- Developmental Disabilities Services
- Domestic Violence Programs
- Family Service Agency
- Homeless Shelters
- Hospitals
- Income Management Programs
- Nursing Homes
- Peace Corps
- Public Health Agencies
- Public Housing Agencies
- Rehabilitation Facilities
- Residential Treatment Programs
- Retirement Homes
- Schools
- Veteran Facilities
- Vocational Rehabilitation Centers

Job Posting Sites

Board of Child Care <http://www.boardofchildcare.org/html/employment.htm>
Children's Home Society <http://www.chsfl.org/jobbank2.php?postID=2008020809172558>
Church World Service <http://www.churchworldservice.org/employment/>
Council on Social Work Education-Career Center
http://careers.cswe.org/c/search_results.cfm?site_id=392
Idealist <http://www.idealists.org/en/job/264112-302>
NASW Job Link <http://joblink.socialworkers.org/search/results/index.cfm>
Social Service <http://www.socialservice.com/>
Social Work Job Bank <http://www.socialworkjobbank.com/>
UIS Career Development Center <http://www.uis.edu/careerservices>
University of Illinois Alumni Career Center <http://www.uiaa.org/careers/>

Career Planning Web Sites

Careers in Social Work <http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/choices/default.asp>
Help Start Here <http://www.helpstartshere.org/Careers.html>
Social Care and Social Work Careers <http://www.socialworkcareers.co.uk/>
Social Work Careers Quiz <http://www.abacon.com/socwk/quiz/index.html>
Social Workers Code of Ethics <http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code/default.asp>
UIS Career Development Center <http://www.uis.edu/careerservices>
UIS Social Work Department <http://www.uis.edu/socialwork/about/degree.html>
US Department of Labor <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos060.htm#addinfo>
Wetfeet <http://www.wetfeet.com/Content/Careers/Social%20Work.aspx#Career%20Tracks>
World Wide Learn
<http://www.worldwidelearn.com/online-education-guide/social-science/social-work-major.htm>

Professional Affiliations

Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work <http://agesocialwork.org/>
Association of Social Work Boards <http://www.aswb.org/>
Clinical Social Work Association <http://www.associationsites.com/main-pub.cfm?usr=CSWA>
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
<http://www.socialworkers.org/pressroom/features/general/profession.asp>
NASW International Social Work
<http://www.socialworkers.org/pressroom/features/issue/international.asp>
School Social Work Association of America <http://www.sswaa.org/>
UIS Alumni Association <http://www.uiaa.org/spfld/>

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